


David J. Bradley, Clerk

The March 13 motion to extend the brief deadline, (Docket Entry No. 55), is denied because, as the court explained in its January 3, 2020, order, “[a]bating the briefing deadlines will prejudice the appellees and further delay the adjudication of the first appeal. There is no basis to find prejudice to the appellants by requiring them to proceed. To the contrary, any prejudice from the continued delay will be visited on the appellees.” (*See* Docket Entry No. 35 at 3). In addition, the court observes that the Fifth Circuit denied the appellants’ motion for a stay pending appeal, and the appellants filed their pending motion to remand almost two years after filing their notice of appeal in this court. (*See* Docket Entry Nos. 1, 36, 56-3). Further delay is unwarranted.

All current deadlines remain in effect. If necessary, the parties may file supplemental briefs after the court rules on the other pending motions.

SIGNED on March 16, 2020, at Houston, Texas.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Lee H. Rosenthal". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping "L" and a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Lee H. Rosenthal
Chief United States District Judge